

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1439
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Nina McReynolds upon
being named Sumner Regional Medical Center's
2006 Nurse of the Year.

WHEREAS, Tennessee's nurses make invaluable contributions to the quality of our lives and provide us with the finest medical care, bringing to bear in each case their knowledge, skill, training, and compassion, and offering healing and hope to those under their expert care; and

WHEREAS, Nina McReynolds is one such self-sacrificing individual who, because of her stalwart dedication to providing the best possible medical care to those in need, has been honored as Sumner Regional Medical Center's 2006 Nurse of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Nina McReynolds is a household name in the halls of Sumner Regional Medical Center, where she has cared for countless patients and their families for over forty-four years; and

WHEREAS, colleagues hold nurse Nina McReynolds up as a shining example of excellence in nursing, as someone who has exemplary clinical judgment, leadership skills, and an unwavering loyalty to helping people; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mrs. McReynolds has previously been honored by Sumner Regional Health System as the winner of their top two awards, the President's Award and the Leon Shoulders Award, and

WHEREAS, with more than four decades as a caring professional in the field of nursing, Nina McReynolds has held several notable positions, including Staff Nurse, Assistant Director of Nurses, Director of Nurses, and Supervisor, and she is currently Sumner Regional Medical Center's Employee Health Nurse; and

WHEREAS, while dedicating her life to the care of others, there came a time when Nina McReynolds herself needed help and care from those in her profession; in 1992, Mrs.

McReynolds suffered both a heart attack and a stroke, and in a long recovery process, she had to learn how to speak, walk, and write all over again; exhibiting an indomitable spirit, she was back at work within a year; and

WHEREAS, in reflecting upon her long career of service at Sumner Regional Medical Center, Nina McReynolds commented, "I had always wanted to take care of people who could not take care of themselves. I have loved every minute of it, and I wouldn't take anything for my nursing career."; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of her community and her profession, Mrs. McReynolds donates her time and considerable talents to numerous laudable organizations; for the last fifteen years, Nina McReynolds has been the top fundraiser for the March of Dimes in Sumner County at the Walk America event, and she has also helped raise money for the Hospitality House and Sumner Hospice as a member of the Sumner Foundation Board; and

WHEREAS, a tireless public servant, a love for nursing people back to health has kept Mrs. McReynolds working, and she has no plans to slow down anytime soon, so long as she has patients waiting for her; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that Nina McReynolds should be recognized for her many years of service as a caring and committed nursing professional; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Nina McReynolds upon being named Sumner Regional Medical Center's 2006 Nurse of the Year and for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and extend to her our appreciation for her commitment to the true spirit of nursing and patient care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.